

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-13, and 15 were rejected in the Official Action mailed August 19, 2005. In response, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. In this Amendment, claims 1-15 are canceled without prejudice and claims 16-27 are added. No new matter has been added.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is moot in view of the present claims amendments.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1, 6, and 11 were rejected as being allegedly anticipated by *Weber* (U.S. Patent No. 6,480,901). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection with respect to new independent claims 16, 20, and 24.

Weber fails to teach every limitation of claims 16, 20, and 24. For example, *Weber* fails to teach at least “translating the method call, by the connect module, from the intermediary protocol to a second protocol, wherein the connect module includes stub implementations for a plurality of protocols.” Applicants respectfully submit that *Weber* cannot anticipate this limitation. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 3, 5, 8, 10, 13, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over *Weber* in view of *Bandhauer* (“A zero generated code XPConnect proposal”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Independent claims 16, 20, and 24 are allowable over *Weber* as discussed above. *Bandhauer* still fails to disclose or suggest that limitations that are absent in *Weber*. Moreover, with respect to claims 19, 23, 27, neither *Weber* nor *Bandhauer* discloses implementing a stub function for UNO. Applicant respectfully submits the rejection has been overcome and requests that it be withdrawn.

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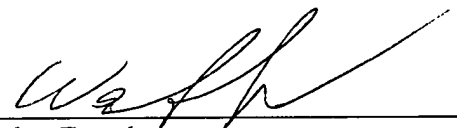
IV. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 16-27 are allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

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